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## Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.112 in the above-captioned application.

- \_\_\_ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO Form 1449, and references cited.
- A Request for Extension of Time.
- X No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
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Indep. Claims: 2	**3	0	X105=	\$	X210=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+185=	\$	+370=	\$0.00
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Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of time fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely William Pieprz submission (37 CFR 1.136)(a)(3).

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## AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.112

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated September 11, 2007, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on December 11, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained remarks. However, if any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees which may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

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